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Today's Topics:
                        5 wpm, you can too!
                      any ARRL internet sites?
                            Get Over It

We trust that readers are intelligent enough to realize that all text
herein consists of personal comments and does not represent the official
policies or positions of any party. Your mileage may vary. So there.

John Mollan - Harm <jmollan@egreen.iclnet.org> writes:

>When it gets right down to it, If you's only put the time that has been
>spent fussin' and fightin' into learning the code, there would be nothing
>left to argue about.

I have tried, off and on, for over twenty years. The characters do not sink
in worth a darn.

>I have taught many novice classes over my 30 years as a ham and have come
>to the conclusion that any 5 year old (who can read) who spends 5 hours a
>week can learn code at 5 words per minute in 5 weeks.

Unless you can get into the other person's head, you are absolutely
unqualified to make such a claim about anyone except yourself.

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Are there any ARRL internet addresses?
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In article <Jm3RX38.edellers@delphi.com>,
   Ed Ellers <edellers@delphi.com> writes:

> Bad argument. VHF and higher spectrum is fundamentally different from HF
> spectrum in its characteristics and therefore in its usefulness for different
> applications. You can't communicate from Massachusetts to Malaysia on 2m
> simplex any more than you could set up a reliable repeater on 20m.

All hams know from the start what the no-code license offers. If they
want to engage in something that requires HF access, they have to learn the
code. I have zero sympathy for someone who gets a no-clue license and then
starts whining about HF access.

> You're forgetting that not everyone is capable of learning every subject.
> Some are good at math, some at understanding theory, some are proficient in
> languages, and some are expert at code. There are far too many of us who are
> not "handicapped" in any real sense but who simply have extreme difficulty in
> this one area for your "shut up and learn it" argument to hold any water.

So, according to your logic, we should also offer a theoryless license in
amateur radio too since some people may not be able to understand the
theory.

MD

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Subject : Re: Get Over It

Michael P. Deignan <md@pstc3.pstc.brown.edu> writes:

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>want to engage in something that requires HF access, they have to learn the
>code. I have zero sympathy for someone who gets a no-clue license and then
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Yet another slur. The fact that the Technician Class license no longer requires
a code test is not relevant to the question of whether or not code should be
required for HF access.

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>amateur radio too since some people may not be able to understand the
>theory.

There's a big difference between code and theory/regulations/practice. The
first is only needed if one wants to use code; the second is needed regardless
of mode. A better comparison would be to a (hypothetical) requirement that
someone wanting a driver's license show proficiency in riding a motorcycle.

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